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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

There exists a peculiar situation in the House of Representatives and that Chamber appears to be bent upon amply demonstrating to the country that with a republican majority and the Reed rule it is a thoroughly important and irresponsible body. Even the President has ceased to urge his wishes upon the Lower House and has concentrated his efforts upon the Senate, where there seems to be every reason to believe that they have proved effective. The recent statements of Senator Platt, of Connecticut, chairman of the Committee on Relations with Cuba, and Senator Proctor, of Vermont, are regarded not only as indicative of the attitude of the Senate on the question of Cuban reciprocity, but as a threat that if the House does not pursue a reasonable course the Senate will disregard it and effect the desired reciprocal relations by means of a treaty.

The excessive fear, inspired by the attack of Representative Babcock upon that portion of the Dingley tariff bill which serves to augment the immense profits of the Steel Trust, seems to have paralyzed the Ways and Means Committee and the body is afraid to report any measure granting reciprocity to Cuba because of Mr. Babcock's announced intention to move the amendment of the bill to secure a modicum of tariff reform. While the Ways and Means Committee is dominated by the extreme protectionist view and isn't true of the entire House and a republican member who would not permit me to use his name, said yesterday: "The situation is most distressing to the more progressive republicans. They appreciate the truth of Senator Platt's statement that protection is likely to suffer most in the house of its friends, and they realize that, if the democrats have the foresight to drop their 'anti-expansion' theories and go before the country on a straight tariff reform platform they will make serious inroads in our ranks. Our only hope is that the democratic propensity to blunder to lead them to adopt 'anti-expansion' as their slogan instead of 'tariff reform.'" The speaker was an astute Western republican who may be counted upon to know the situation in his own section, at least.

The republicans are holding a perfect love feast in the Senate Committee on the Philippines over the testimony of Judge Taft in regard to the conditions in the islands. It never seems to occur to them that a gentleman who is drawing a salary of \$30,000 per annum for governing a "colony" is most likely to see the rosy side of the situation. Without impugning Judge Taft's sincerity, it is reasonable to assume that from his magnificently furnished office in Manila, and surrounded by the

members of a commission amply handsomely recompensed for their services, things in a way look very bright in the Philippines. As a matter of fact, however, there are others, perhaps equally competent to testify, many of them officers who have penetrated into the strong-holds of the insurrection, who do not regard the situation from the same hopeful and complacent standpoint as does Governor Taft.

The Philippine tariff bill continues to occupy the attention of the Senate and drastic censure of the course of the administration has been the usual order of the day on the democratic side. Senator Lodge has, however, stated that the Senate proposes to pass the measure, regardless of the opinion of the minority; and his position, that he and his colleagues are not open to reason or conviction, may serve to precipitate the passage of the bill, in view of the large amount of business which the Senate still has to consider.

Representative Newlands of Nevada has introduced a resolution in the House providing for the collection of three fourths of the Dingley rates on Cuban sugar and tobacco in consideration of reciprocal concessions from Cuba and concludes with an invitation to Cuba to come into the United States with a territorial form of government and with the proviso that statehood will be granted them, in the judgment of Congress, it seems advisable. Mr. Newlands deems such a course the most expedient solution of the Cuban problem. Speaking of the matter he told me that he had no reason for waiting until the Cubans had formed powerful political organizations, the numbers of which would expect to deceive their livelihood from politics and would therefore oppose annexation before inviting the island to come into the United States. "Under annexation," said Mr. Newlands, "the beet sugar men believe they would be better protected than with a reduction of the tariff, and I am inclined to think they are right. The Cubans have admitted before the committee (the Ways and Means) that they now have employed in the production of sugar all the labor in the islands and they have tacitly admitted that the extension of the industry must come from the importation of cheap Chinese and other labor. If the island was annexed to the United States our immigration laws would apply, the rate of wages would be gradually raised to the same level

and their sugar would be produced under conditions so similar to our own that the competition would be by no means as severe. The introduction of the Newlands resolution caused a sensation in the House and it was everywhere actively discussed. Had it come from a republican source it seems most likely that it would have been adopted.

Representative Underwood of Alabama, expressed himself yesterday in no uncertain terms upon the question of our relations with Cuba. He said that he was in favor of relations as near free trade as could be secured. "There are immense markets in Cuba for American products which would more than make up any possible loss which might be sustained by sugar interests. Every increase in the manufacture of Cuban sugar will be attended with a demand for machinery which, under reciprocity, the United States will sell. The farmers of the whole country will be benefited by the increased demand for boots and shoes, and the resultant higher price of hides, for instance; there will be a demand for American coal as the small Cuba product is so poor as to be hardly a merchantable product. The very fact that under a former reciprocity treaty, we had a trade of \$18,000,000 per annum ought of itself to be sufficient proof of the advisability of controlling these markets. "In reply to a question, Mr. Underwood said that the present trade with Cuba had dwindled to a small fraction of the former trade.

Had to Conquer Or Die.
"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C. "I had consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It is an universal life-saver in consumption, pneumonia, la grippe, and bronchitis, infallible for coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever, croup, or whooping cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blackburn's.

The weather bureau man predicts snow but he doesn't blame it on the ground hog.

A Fireman's Close Call.
"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached, and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington Iowa, "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Sick, weak, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor, from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Blackburn. Price 50 cents.

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Where Brains Do Not Count.

The Federal service certainly offers no attraction to the young man with nothing but brains. Perhaps in no other department of human activity can there be found such amazing mediocrity and inefficiency as here. Character and brains count for nothing. An educated applicant for a Federal position may deluge the Departments in Washington with "letters of indorsement" from hundreds of men who stand high in the world of business and politics; but the letters are filed away in the archives of the department for reference, while the place that is sought is given to some obscure nonentity who has not bothered his poor brain about endorsements, in order to reward the friend of a politician with a "pull" or to carry out a deal arranged by the bosses.—For Feb. 20.

She Wants It Published.

Gooche's Mexican Syrup has given perfect satisfaction in my family, and I want to recommend it to everyone as the best remedy for coughs, colds, and all lung troubles. A young lady in my employ who had been forced to quit work, and who had been given up to die by her friends with consumption, has by the use of Gooche's Mexican Syrup been restored to health, and is now at work earning her living and enjoying good health. She wants me to publish this, as it may be the means of saving the life of some other consumptive. R. M. Fleming, Piqua, Ill.

Gooche's Mexican Syrup cures a simple cough as if by magic, and is the best remedy for whooping cough. Price 25 cents.

Last Friday the little 12 year old girl of Mr. J. W. Cates had a celluloid roach comb in her hair, and was sitting near the fire, when the comb became so hot that it ignited, burning her hair off the top of her head. Fortunately the comb was snatched from her head before the scalp was seriously injured. It was a narrow escape.—Burlington News.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have no words to express my confidence in this Remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by Blackburn.

The Reidsville correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says a child there has six bands. It is otherwise physically perfect.

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Mrs. Wildes P. Walker of Kennebeck, Me., has in her possession the punch bowl that was ordered by the town of Salem to be used when Lafayette visited that city during his first visit to America. The first glass was served to him. It is of old Dutch blue china.—Ex.

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Facts About Presidents.

Two Presidents of the United States were elected by the Whig party during the twenty-five years of its existence as an organization. These were William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor. Both died in office. The Republican party, which succeeded the Whig party, has elected in 41 years six Presidents—Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Hayes, Harrison and McKinley. Three of these—Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley—were assassinated. This is a startling and a tragic record.

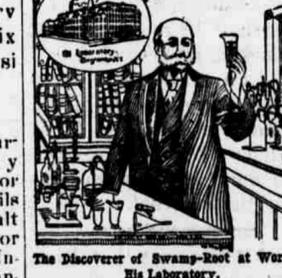
The Democratic party has been in existence 110 years. During half that period it has been in power in the nation. It elected nine presidents of the United States—Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Van Buren, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan and Cleveland. Five of these—namely, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson and Cleveland—served two terms each. Of the entire nine democratic presidents elected in 110 years not one died in office. It is worthy of note also that the only ex-President living is a democrat.—Boston Republic.

Got Rid of His Rheumatism.

"During the winter of 1898 I was so lame in my joints, in fact all over my body, that I could hardly hobble around, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. From the first application I began to get well, and was cured and have worked steadily all the year." R. Wheeler, Northwood, N. Y. For sale by Blackburn.

There are 893 convicts in the State's prison; only fifty four are women, one hundred and ninety of the men are working on the Ohio and Charleston railroad in Western North Carolina, says an exchange.

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